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CONGRESS CAN EASILY LEAD TO SOME REGIONALIST (320)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (UPI).—Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., said today he will press for creation of a nine-member Senate committee to make a full investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

McCarthy said in a statement that the highly secret agency's role in the Dominican Republic, Viet Nam, Cuba and other crisis areas "has raised serious questions about the relationship of the agency to the process of making and directing foreign policy."

"There is some evidence that the CIA has expanded its statutory purpose of correlation and evaluation of intelligence to broaden fields," the senator continued.

"In any case, undercover and paramilitary operations have a direct bearing on foreign policy and indirectly on the constitutional responsibility of Congress for defense and war."

McCarthy said he will introduce a resolution to create a select committee on foreign intelligence to review CIA activities when Congress reconvenes in January.

The committee would be required to report its findings and recommendations no later than Jan. 31, 1967.

McCarthy has long been a critic of CIA and an advocate of a joint Senate-House congressional committee to serve as a watchdog over its activities.

He said today that other federal agencies are subject to periodical examination by Senate and House appropriations committees, usually on a year-to-year basis.

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BUT, HE SAID, THESE NORMAL APPROPRIATIONS REVIEWS CANNOT BE APPLIED TO THE CIA BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY OF SECRECY IN ITS WORK.

THE ONLY CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL SURVEILLANCE OF CIA ACTIVITIES IS CARRIED OUT BY AN INFORMALLY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE MADE UP OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

THIS GROUP MEETS IRREGULARLY, ABOUT TWICE A YEAR, WITH CIA OFFICIALS BUT ISSUES NO REPORT TO CONGRESS OR THE PUBLIC. APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CIA ARE NOT VOTED IN A SEPARATE MONEY BILL BUT ARE HIDDEN IN ONE OR MORE APPROPRIATIONS MEASURES FOR OTHER AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH IS BEING VOTED OR HOW IT IS SPENT.

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